

I strongly support a national 'do not call' list. I find telemarketing to be the most annoying, invasive form of advertising that exists. My home is my refuge, and these telemarketers are un-invited intruders.

In order to block calls with Verizon, I have to upgrade to one of their more expensive bundles. So, they've got me coming and going ... I've got to pay for premium services I don't want (call-waiting, caller ID) in order to block telemarketers AND they sell my phone number as well as other technology to list companies and telemarketers and make money on that side of it, too! What's wrong with this picture??

The Baltimore Sun is the worst offender in Baltimore ... they call ... and call ... and call. If you ask to be put on their DNC list, but are a subscriber, apparently the 'existing business relationship' means they don't have to honor your request. What I find really odd is that even if you ARE a subscriber, they call and try to get you to sign up! They manage to offend EXISTING CUSTOMERS! Which idiots are running their TM Dept?

And this note will go to my representative and senators as well --- my distaste for telemarketing does not exclude politicians and charities. I don't want to be telemarketed by ANYone ... so get rid of the loopholes.